

# Snapp Row Investigation Shows Blame is Widespread



Recent controversy over the ineligibility of Merrill's Lowell Snapp is snowballing into an unfortunate rhubarb and demands additional comment.

This corner, commenting on the situation in Monday's column, did not intend to lay the whole bulk of the blame on Merrill. Certainly the blame must be shared with the entire county loop system and certain individuals who knew for a certainty that the Husky half-back was ineligible.

Rather than register a casual opinion of Snapp's ineligibility, a firm stand should have been taken and presented to Merrill authorities.

George Elliott, head principal but principal at Merrill when Snapp first donned gridiron togs definitely made the statement, "I played him (in the eighth grade) . . . knowing he'd be ineligible in his senior year."

However, this much stands as the stark truth, Elliott and no doubt others connected with the league should have been more emphatic, rather than make mere mention of Snapp's ineligibility in off-the-cuff conversations.

It is difficult to determine exactly who finally made an official protest or when such action occurred. But, unfortunately, it was done after Merrill had won five league games and was on the way toward a league title.

## Why No Protest?

In the meantime, Harold Hendrickson, Merrill coach, maintains that he wasn't sure of Snapp's ineligibility. It's true that he had no doubt heard rumors but inasmuch as the Huskies continued to knock over grid opponents and no OFFICIAL PROTEST or even a statement from league members that a protest would be made, naturally lead Hendrickson to believe that maybe rumors of Snapp's ineligibility was so much hogwash.

It was reported that Bonanza was one of the schools protesting. But, if so, why didn't they protest BEFORE the October 15 game? Merrill played Merrill October 1. Again a question begs up — why didn't Elliott make it definite he would protest the game if Hendrickson played Snapp?

From what I can gather through numerous conversations the only "protest" were casual "you-better-look-into-this-boy-Snapp—he-may-be-ineligible" statements.

The matter first bobbed up, Hendrickson said, the day of the Bonanza-Main game when Bonanza principal Clayton Sharp talked to Hendrickson. Hendrickson, in turn, filed a letter to the Oregon State activities association asking for eligibility lists when Snapp was reportedly playing in the eighth grade.

The answer, a verbal one, at a later hearing here in Klamath Falls, was to the effect that the records could not be found.

## Loose Ends

If any major blame is to be directed, it should be aimed at those who allowed Snapp to play in the eighth grade under the assumption he'd be ineligible when a senior.

Hendrickson, upon investigation, found that there had been no changes in the state ruling as to who.

The Snapp boy was misled originally which is secondary in importance to the fact that no action was taken until the Huskies were well on their way to a county title.

There is one important question I'd like answered before this mat-



**BACK FOR LINE DUTY**—Russ Johnston, big Oregon Tech tackle, after repeated injuries have kept him from full strength for the Owl football agenda, will be near full strength for the Vanport Viking tangle Saturday night in Portland. His most recent injury, an ankle hurt, is healing rapidly, Coach Dale Dougherty said.

## Monotonous, Isn't It? YANKEE JOHNSON BOOTS 94 IN ROW

NEW YORK, Nov. 2 (AP)—One of these Sundays, maybe three or four years from now, Harvey (Pat) Johnson of the New York football Yankees is going to miss a kick for point after touchdown and spoil a most promising record.

At the moment the former William & Mary stalwart has booted 94 one-pointers in a row. This is 22 better than the former professional (and, of course, college) record hung up by Jack (Automatic) Manders with the Chicago Bears away back in 1933-37.

(Manders' National football league record was broken 10 days ago by Cliff Patton, Philadelphia Eagles' guard who ran his consecutive string to 77 over a three-year period.)

The last time Johnson failed in his specialty was on September 12, 1947, in a game against the rival Los Angeles Dons of the All-American conference. Even that, however, was "not quite the blot on his career that one might suppose."

"I didn't exactly miss it," Johnson confided. "That one was blocked."

The Yankees' third-string center also has found time to make himself one of the most feared field goal kickers in the pro game. His boots from the field have won three games for the Yanks already this season.

Since he joined the stadium crowd in 46, Johnson has made good on 21 three-pointers out of 31 attempted. Five of them were from 40 yards or more.

## Joe Said 'Write It'; They Did

BOSTON, Nov. 2 (AP)—The fans apparently "wrote" Joe McCarthy back into the management of the Boston Red Sox for the next two years.

The front office disclosed last night that the jut-jawed pilot had been besieged with fan letters at his Tonawanda, N. Y., farm home, insisting he continue as manager.

They apparently answered a problem he brought to Boston when his club returned from its vital two-game series which gave the New York Yankees the American league title.

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## Bosox Land Trio on AP Star Team

NEW YORK, Nov. 2 (AP)—The New York Yankees and Brooklyn Dodgers, rivals in the last world series, each gained two berths on the Associated Press' 1949 major league all-star team.

Both, however, were forced to play second fiddle to the Boston Red Sox, who led all clubs with three representatives — outfielder Ted Williams and Pitchers Mel Parsonell and Ellis Kinder.

The remainder of the dream squad picked by a poll of 116 members of the Baseball Writers Association of America is composed of one player each from the Detroit Tigers, St. Louis Cardinals and Pittsburgh Pirates.

Tommy Henrich, a converted first baseman, and Shortstop Phil Rizzuto are the world champion Yankees on the squad. Second Baseman Jackie Robinson and Catcher Roy Campanella are the Dodgers' representatives.

Third Baseman George Kell, only Tiger on the team, received the most votes. He was named on 113 of the 116 ballots cast. Williams was next with 112. Others to hit the century figure were Robinson, 108, and Stan Musial, Cardinals' star flycatcher, 100. Campanella just missed with 99.

Henrich got 97 votes for first and five in the outfield. Musial got three additional votes, all for first base. The smallest number of votes for a winner went to Ralph Kiner, Pittsburgh's home run slugger whose 68 votes won the right field post.

## RIZZUTO WINS

Rizzuto won with 83 votes. Only one vote separated the Red Sox pitching twins. The left-handed Parnell, who won 25 games and lost only eight, drew 78 votes, one more than the right-handed Kinder, who led all American league pitchers with a 23-6 won and lost record.

Of the ten men selected, only two are holdovers from the 1948 team. The incumbents are Williams and Musial. Williams, in fact, has been named on all four Associated Press teams starting in 1946.

Those missing from last year's squad include Johnny Mize, first base; Joe Gordon, second base; Lou Boudreau, shortstop; Bob Elliott, third base; Joe DiMaggio, center field; Birdie Tebbets, catcher, and Johnny Sain and Harry Brecheen, pitchers.

## Turkey Dinners For U. S. Troops

FRANKFURT, Germany, Nov. 2 (AP)—Turkey dinners of Thanksgiving were assured today for American troops in Germany and Austria. The army announced that 383,396 pounds of turkeys have arrived in Bremerhaven. They will be distributed in time for Thanksgiving.

ager told newsmen then, "If you want me back, write it."

Some sports writers did; others didn't. But the fans apparently settled the problem with their kind letters to the taciturn Sox pilot.

He came to terms yesterday at a salary believed to be between \$50,000 and \$55,000.



**START OF RHUBARB**—Jack Lipscomb applies a reverse headlock with a choke on the Yaqui Kid and, at the same time, aims a choice sneer at the Kid's manager, Yaqui Joe, last week at the armory. The affair broke into wholesale fist-throwing a few minutes after this was shot. Tonight Yaqui Joe and his Kid will team against Lipscomb and Buck Weaver in a team-wrestling scuffle.

## Yaquis Go Against Lip, Buck

A feud that started last week in the armory ring will be continued tonight with two principals added. Jack Lipscomb, a sneering, villainous grappler, perturbed at his opponent, the Yaqui Kid, directed a Sunday punch at the Kid's teacher, Yaqui Joe, skipping the fight from the corner—and the rhubarb was on.

However, the wily Sonora, Mexico, lad, quick to take advantage of the situation, applied a painful grapevine on the Lip and the match was over.

Tonight Lipscomb will team with another Indiana grunt-and-growler, Buck Weaver, against the two Yaquis, the Kid and Joe, in a team affair.

The match, the main event, is a no-limit affair, the best two-of-three falls.

The opener will see the return of aggressive Frankie Stojack, who wore the northwest long it became a habit. That is, until Jack McAuliffe lifted the haule in Canada and during subsequent scuffles the title went to Bouncing Al Sasse.

The ex-Washington State All-America footballer, will tangle with Maurice LaChapelle in the one-hour or two-of-three falls curtain raiser.

The armory will open at 7:30 for ticket sale. The first bout goes on at 8:30. Tickets can also be obtained at Castleberry's drug.

## Missing Hunter's Body Found

PORTLAND, Nov. 2 (AP)—The body of a duck hunter, missing since early Sunday, was taken from the Columbia river yesterday.

He was Jack M. Russell, 40, a railway express driver. His lunch pail and a duck he had shot were found in a duck blind at the river's edge.

## "LITTLE SERIES" EYED BY ROWLAND

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 2 (AP)—A new "little world series" between the Pacific Coast league champion and either the American association or International league pennant winner is being talked.

PCL Prexy Clarence Rowland said yesterday that the plan is under discussion and he hopes to announce an agreement soon.

He added that the PCL's present Governors' Cup playoff will be dropped next season, regardless.

Rowland said the plan under discussion will either pit the PCL champion against the American association or International winner—or against the survivor of an elimination series between the two eastern circuits.

The AA and International titlists now face each other in a "little world series." Rowland did not say anything about future plans of that series.

He added that lack of public interest will force abandonment of the PCL playoffs regardless of whether the planned playoff with the western circuit goes off.

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## First Twin Bill

CINCINNATI (AP)—The first doubleheader recorded in baseball history was played on September 3, 1876, between the old Cincinnati Red Stockings and Hartford Conn., in the Reds' first season in the National league. Hartford won both games with William (Candy) Cummings becoming the game's first "iron man" by pitching and winning the two games.

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